

MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH C. CARTER



The Adjutant General Massachusetts National Guard

Major General Joseph C. Carter is currently assigned as The Adjutant General, Massachusetts National Guard. Major General Carter oversees the administration and operation of the Massachusetts National Guard to ensure troops are trained, equipped and mission-ready to support national security objectives, as well as protect life and property, and preserve peace, order and public safety as directed in times of natural disaster and civil emergency.

Major General Carter entered the Massachusetts Army National Guard in January 1974 and rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant prior to receiving his commission as a second lieutenant at the Massachusetts Military Academy on July 17, 1979. During his military career, he has served in several key positions to include: Assistant Adjutant General, Massachusetts Army National Guard, Commander, Camp Edwards Army National Guard Training Site, J-5 (Strategic Plans & International Affairs), Division Chief of Intelligence and Security (I & S), Assistant/Acting Division Chief I & S, Military Intelligence Officer, Tactical Surveillance Officer, MP Battalion S-4, MP Company Commander, MP Platoon Leader, Infantry Detachment Commander, and Infantry Platoon Leader.

Prior to assuming his duties as The Adjutant General, Major General Carter served as the Chief of Police for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Transit Police Department. He had direct responsibility for the overall management of a Department that consists of 260 sworn personnel responsible for public safety of the Authority's public transportation network within 175 cities and towns. In September 2003, Major General Carter was awarded the professional designation of Certified in Homeland Security – Level III (CHS-III) by the American College of Forensic Examiners International, Inc.

Major General Carter is a life member of the First Corps of Cadets and the NAACP. He is also affiliated with 21 other civic and military organizations, and has received numerous commendations and honors for both professional and civic achievement. Additionally, Major General Carter recently completed service as the elected President of the 21,000 member International Association of Chiefs of Police, the nation's largest professional organization of police executives.

EDUCATION:

1988 Lesley University – BA Degree – Organizational Management
1989 Atlanta University – MA Degree – Criminal Justice Administration
2002 Army War College – MS Degree – Strategic Studies

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jul 79 – Apr 80, Platoon Leader, Company C, 101st Infantry Battalion, Massachusetts Army National Guard
2. Apr 80 – Feb 81, Detachment Commander, Company C, 101st Infantry Battalion, Massachusetts Army National Guard
3. Feb 81 – Sep 84, Platoon Leader, 747th Military Police Company, Massachusetts Army National Guard
4. Sep 84 – Sep 86, Company Commander, 747th Military Police Company, Massachusetts Army National Guard
5. Sep 86 – Aug 90, S-4, 685th Military Police Battalion, Massachusetts Army National Guard, Massachusetts Army National Guard
6. Aug 90 – Dec 92, Tactical Surveillance Officer, Headquarters Company 26th Infantry Division, Massachusetts Army National Guard
7. Apr 93 – Apr 95, Military Intelligence Officer, 421st Military Intelligence Detachment (Strategic), 94th Army Reserve Command, Fort Devens Massachusetts
8. Apr 95 – Feb 98, Assistant/Acting Division Chief, Intelligence and Security, Headquarters, State Area Command, Massachusetts Army National Guard
9. Feb 98 – Feb 99, Division Chief, Intelligence and Security, Headquarters, State Area Command, Massachusetts Army National Guard
10. Mar 99 – Jun 03, Commander, Army National Guard Training Site Camp Edwards, Massachusetts Army National Guard
11. Jun 03 – Jan 05, Strategic Planner, Headquarters, State Area Command, Massachusetts Army National Guard
12. Jan 05 – Sep 07, Assistant Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters, Massachusetts National Guard
13. Sep 07 – Present, The Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters, Massachusetts National Guard

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star Device)
Humanitarian Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Gold Hourglass Device)
Army Service Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:

2LT ARNG 17 JUL 79
1LT ARNG 16 JUL 82
CPT ARNG 6 JAN 85
MAJ USAR 16 JAN 93
MAJ ARNG 13 APR 95
LTC ARNG 10 JUL 97
COL ARNG 25 OCT 00
BG (AGC) ARNG 16 MAR 06
MG ARNG

(Current as of 19 December 2007)